

**ACCOUNTING EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
JANUARY 22, 1999**

PRESENT: Frank Probst, Sharon Hamilton, Roman Jungers, Thomas Kilkenny, Frederick Franklin, Jim Johnson

EXCUSED: Bobbette Overby

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall, Jan Bobholz, Donald Rittel; Dr. Barbara Showers, Darwin Tichenor, Mike Berndt and Pam Majewski were present for portions of the meeting.

GUESTS LeRoy Schmidt, WI CPA
Arland Stone, WAA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Frank Probst,. A quorum of six members was present.

AGENDA

MOTION: Jim Johnson moved, seconded by Sharon Hamilton, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES (12/04/98)

MOTION: Jim Johnson moved, seconded by Sharon Hamilton, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Cummings' Report

Secretary Marlene Cummings was not present.

Alfred Hall introduced Jane Suhling, who replaces Pat McCormack as Deputy Secretary.

Bureau Director's Report

• **Applications Reviewed**

The following applicants for public accounting were issued a credential based upon staff delegation. Applicants applied based on examination, transfer of credit from another state (identified by #) and endorsement of license from another state (identified by *).

APPLICATIONS REVIEWED ON DECEMBER 4, 1998

FOR REGISTRATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

1. Approved - 37

BALISTRERI, ANTHONY J
BERI, NENO
BRUNETTE, GREGORY J
BUSER, JEFFREY J
BYSTOL KRITCH, NICOLE E
CHAPMAN, JENNIFER L
CHOMIAK, JOANNE P #
DECOOK, KEVIN V *
DEUTSCH, ANTHONY J
DORNER, LYNN M
EIMON, JOHN C
FEGGESTAD, NATALIE M
GREGOR, STEPHANIE A
HANSON, ANN M
HEAD, CHRISTOPHER J
HERMAN, BRIDGET A
KLEMM, MORGAN R
LEWIS, SHELLY S
LORITZ, KAREN L

LUEDTKE, JENNIFER J
NAMAZI, MARY ANN
NEUDENDANK, MICHEL L
NIES, CAMILLA M
PEER, MICHAEL A*
PROPHET, JOHN F*
REED, REGINALD C*
RIESTERER, JAMIE L
ROTH, KARLA R
SHERIDAN, BETH M
SPADER, KYLE A
TAKAHASHI, YUKO
TIETZ, RANDALL L
TOEPEL, DAVID C
TROHA, TODD A*
VANSTRATEN, CHRISTOPHER R
WATSON, ROBERT C
WILLIAMS, BRENT A #

- **Staff Delegation of Non-Public Accounting Applications**

MOTION: Jim Johnson moved, seconded by Thomas Kilkenny, to modify the existing procedure for staff to review and approve candidates with non-public accounting experience by requesting that all questionable files be brought to the board for review. Motion failed with 2 yeas and 3 nays.

- **Regulatory Digest**

The Board was informed of the continuing need for articles for future digests.

- **To Pass Folder**

Information was circulated in the To Pass Folder and duly noted.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Nothing to report.

PRACTICE ISSUES

Nothing to report.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

NASBA Representation of Board in Negotiations with the AICPA

MOTION: Sharon Hamilton moved, seconded by Roman Jungers, that a letter be sent to NASBA, stating that the Board does not support its request because of NASBA's practice of acting without the board's recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

NASBA Examination Committee Update, Exam Model Contract

Noted.

News Release - PES Signs Contract with AICPA to Conduct Feasibility Study for Computerized Testing

Noted. Dr. Showers stated that discussion of a survey will be included on the next agenda.

Status Report - Reporting Pass/Fail Grades on the Uniform CPA Examination

Deferred until Feasibility Study for Computerized Testing is completed.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY

Election of Officers

MOTION: Sharon Hamilton moved, seconded by Jim Johnson, to nominate Frank Probst as Chair.

MOTION: Roman Jungers moved, seconded by Sharon Hamilton, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Frank Probst. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Frank Probst moved, seconded by Thomas Kilkenny, to nominate Sharon Hamilton as Vice Chair.

MOTION: Jim Johnson moved, seconded by Roman Jungers, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Sharon Hamilton. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Jim Johnson moved, seconded by Sharon Hamilton, to nominate Roman Jungers as secretary.

MOTION: Jim Johnson moved, seconded by Sharon Hamilton, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Roman Jungers. Motion carried unanimously.

Application Review Schedule

Sharon Hamilton will do the application review on March 18, 1999. An application screening orientation will be held at the March meeting.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Discussion of Uniform Accountancy Act

- **"Substantial Equivalency" under the UAA-Impact Upon Adoption in Wisconsin**
The Board discussed the concept of substantial equivalency under the UAA.

- **Comparison of Uniform Accountancy Act and Wisconsin CPA Requirements**

The Board discussed the comparison of the Uniform Accountancy Act and Wisconsin CPA requirements. The concept of a 2-way street was discussed. Would Wisconsin licensees face difficulty in other states if Wisconsin does not recognize licensees from other states to work on a temporary basis without going through the licensure process.

Arguments for the Uniform Accountancy Act include:

- 1) Would allow temporary practice in Wisconsin without becoming licensed in Wisconsin.
- 2) Wisconsin would be on same level as other states.
- 3) Would allow out of state expertise to help Wisconsin companies.

Arguments against the Uniform Accountancy Act include:

- 1) What time limit does "temporary basis" include?
- 2) Would require a statutory change.
- 3) Possible loss of revenue.
- 4) Possible loss of control.
- 5) Would reduce experience requirement and requirement of passing Wisconsin ethics examination.
- 6) NASBA National Qualification Appraisal Service - at what cost to Board or to the applicant?

- **CA Board of Accountancy Concerns Regarding Revisions to UAA**
Noted.

- **National Society of Accountants Press Release Opposition to Pending Maine Legislation**
Noted.

NASBA

1999 Administrators Conference - Preparation for Roll Call of States

The Board determined that the top three issues were: the Uniform Accountancy Act, changes in the examination and the role of NASBA.

New Horizons Study

The Board discussed the questionnaire. The Board would like item 3 expanded to also include "What Should NASBA Look Like in 2008".

AICPA

Nothing to report.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

Oklahoma Accountancy Board Comments - Computerized Testing and Scheduling of Meetings and Conferences

Noted.

Kentucky Briefing Paper No. 1 Conversion of the Uniform CPA Exam to a Computer-Based Exam Comments

Noted.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Jim Johnson moved, seconded by Sharon Hamilton, to convene the meeting in Closed Session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(a), (b), and (f), Wis. Stats.: to consider the licensing or discipline of a person licensed by the Board or the investigation of charges against such a person. Specifically, to discuss the issue of case status reports, case closings, monitoring issues, reinstatement requests, examination issues, deliberations on stipulations that may be signed after printing of the agenda, pending applications, and disciplinary proceedings. Motion carried by a roll call vote: Frank Probst-yes; Roman Jungers-yes; Sharon Hamilton-yes; Jim Johnson-yes; Thomas Kilkenny-yes; Frederick Franklin-yes.

Open Session recessed at 12:00 noon.

The Board received a copy of the Division of Enforcement Case Status Report.

The Board deliberated on case status reports and pending applications.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Roman Jungers moved, seconded by Thomas Kilkenny, to reconvene the meeting in Open Session at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

CASE CLOSINGS

MOTION: Roman Jungers moved, seconded by Thomas Kilkenny, to close 97ACC004 due to insufficient evidence to meet the standard of proof required to prove that a violation occurred. Motion carried with Sharon Hamilton abstaining

.SCREENING PANEL

Jim Johnson will replace Sharon Hamilton on the screening panel.

APPLICATION REVIEW

MOTION: Roman Jungers moved, seconded by Sharon Hamilton, to accept the recommendations of the Board reviewer and staff to approve the following applications reviewed January 22, 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

FOR REGISTRATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Applicants applied based on examination, transfer of credit from another state (identified by #) and endorsement of license from another state (identified by *)

1. Approved - 15

BRASKAMP, DUANE A
BUTTURFF, BRIAN B
ERLANDSON, KATHERINE L
EWERS, KENNETH L
GROSHEK, JEFFREY B
GUYSE, LINDA S
MAASS, MICHAEL A
NEIDHARDT, DONNA L

OFSDAHL, DAVID A
PETERSON, JEFFREY A
RICKARD, LAURIE A
SCHMIDT, LUELLA J
TREACY, JAMES M
YATES, RONALD L #
ZEMAN, ANNA M

MOTION: Sharon Hamilton moved, seconded by Roman Jungers, to issue an intent to deny and request additional information on the following applications. Motion carried unanimously.

Intent to Deny -2

COLLINS, ERIC

WILLIAMS, DIANE M

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jim Johnson moved, seconded by Roman Jungers, to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.